

HOUSE RESOLUTION 188  
By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Marcus Burger of  
Cleveland for his lifesaving heroism.

WHEREAS, our country was conceived by individuals willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to help their fellow human beings, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to have such remarkable individuals, both young and old, who have performed with great bravery and alacrity in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding young man is Marcus Burger, a sixth-grade student at Trehitt Elementary School in Cleveland, Tennessee, whose quick response and calm demeanor in a life-threatening situation are worthy of great praise; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2000, Marcus Burger was riding his bicycle on Buchanan Road when he noticed that three-year-old Hunter Coe Chancey was in great distress; and

WHEREAS, Hunter was hanging from the window of a parked car; Marcus saw that the child's neck had somehow become lodge in the car's half-opened window near the side-view mirror; and

WHEREAS, Marcus did not hesitate or panic but, instead, sped into appropriate action; he pulled Hunter from the vehicle and carried him to a nearby home; and

WHEREAS, he then located Hunter's mother who began CPR on her son;

and

WHEREAS, Hunter was transported to T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital, in Chattanooga, by Life Force helicopter; he has thankfully made a full recovery; and

WHEREAS, for his heroic action in the face of adversity, Trewhitt Elementary School honored Marcus by designating March 23, 2000, as "Marcus Burger Appreciation Day"; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Marcus' heroic deed, this outstanding young man was awarded a plaque by Bradley County Sheriff, Dan Gilley, who named Marcus an honorary Life Force member; and

WHEREAS, he was also given a bicycle by Bradley County Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, there was plenty of praise for Marcus from all quarters at the celebration; he stated: "I'm happy. My friends say 'You're my hero'"; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Yvonne Johnson, school resource officer for Trewhitt, stated: "If Marcus hadn't been there, the child probably would have been dead. A child of his age, to act as he did, is very unusual. I am very proud of him for staying calm and doing what he needed to do"; and

WHEREAS, his heroic efforts are a source of great pride for his family, especially his mother, Theresa Burger, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Marcus Burger acted courageously and wisely in an emergency situation, and deserves proper recognition for heroism; his deed can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Marcus Burger, of Cleveland, for saving the life of young Hunter Coe Chancey and offer our thanks for a job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.